

A CHAPTER ABOUT TREES.

No tree, indeed, is safe,
But crosses, meeting in death,

Who can wonder, that the Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican, that so often saw a man should have uttered such words? Those the grandest works of God whom they could not know? Ah how will they remember the child over whose fragrant grave we walk uncompanioned! Talk of the Pyramids! Why, there are trees yet living, breathing, that can look back upon one of which the stately builders of pyramidal monuments had not even heard of. Yet, full of alacrity as a train, but to older than man. Two of these species are more invulnerable than the Leathen hydra. Dr. Livingston says he would back one against a dozen floods, provided you did not bolt it in hot water. At three feet from the ground this vegetable monster was 85 feet in circumference. The native usus the bark for robbing; hence the tree is often stripped of its bark annually, but far from being killed by this process, it goes to work vigorously and sends a new bark.

For this reason trees can live on after

they die, and will cease to live at their

root, which increase on the inside must die

after a time. All our northern trees are

of the first class, that is, the living part is

the outside ring of wood and bark,

and sometimes four or five hundred feet

apart; for only the little rootlets, the leaves,

and buds of one season, a cone of the newest wood

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